Happy 2nd Anniversary, Midnight Scans

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED BY, WITHOUT US REALIZING THAT MIDNIGHT SCANS IS NOW 2 YEARS OLD. INDEED, WE CAN SAY THAT THE ALL THE STAFF MEMBERS, BOTH OLD AND NEW, HAVE REALLY BEEN SO COMMITTED TO THE GROUP BY ALLOWING THEMSELVES TO BE SOMETIMES TORTURED, WHIPPED, AND STABBED BY THE CRAZY ADMINS

WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS CHANCE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT OF THANKS TO ALL THESE PEOPLE
FIRST THANKS GOES TO KUINN WHO DOES MS ONE HUGE FAVOR, AND THAT IS BY BULLYING A CRAZY ADMIN, SO THAT THE MENTIONED ADMIN COULD STAY SANE WITH US. SECOND, THE ENTIRE MS FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO ALPHA^ WHO ALLOWS US TO MAKE USE OF HIS WONDERFUL TORSKO. WE JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY SORRY WHENEVER WE SEE TORSKO BEING RAPED BY OUR FANGIRLS. THIRD IS FOR OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS FROM OUR JOINT GROUPS FOR BEING PATIENT WITH US (YES, FISHIE THAT INCLUDES YOU.) LAST, WE COULD NOT MISS THANKING SHINJIN, QUON, HAN, AND MASSO, THE 4 MYSTERIOUS DUDES WHO CAMP IN OUR STAFF ROOM, ENTERTAINING US WITH THEIR WEIRD STORIES OF THEIR COUGHPRIVATELIVESCOUGH

NOW WE GO TO ATTY'S MOMENT OF THANKS TO THE STAFF MEMBERS..

TO OUR DEAREST SCANNERS, AERINVES AND MERCY,
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING SO PATIENT WITH ME AS I OFTEN SO, "LET'S GET THIS, THIS AND THIS555", WHICH ENDED TO STACK YOU WITH MORE AND MORE WORK. WITHOUT YOU TWO, WE WILL NEVER HAVE GREAT SCANS. AS WHAT SUSHITRAIN HAD SAID, YOU GUYS ARE MY FAVORITE FOR GIVING ME SUCH GREAT SCANS.

TO THE TRANSLATORS,
I JUST CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU, YOU'VE BEEN CONSTANTLY PROVIDING ME MORE AND MORE TRANSLATIONS. WITHOUT YOU ALL, WE'LL NOT BE WHOLE. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORKS AND KEEP THEM COMING

TO THE DEAREST PR TEAM,
THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING YOURSELVES TO BE POKED, STABBED AND YELLED AT. I'M FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT, AND YES, I'LL DO MY BEST TO BRING IN MORE SMUT MANGA AS PER REQUEST BY AYECHAN. KEEP UP YOUR GOOD WORK. I LOVE YOU GUYS!!!

TO OUR SMALL TEAM OF EDITORS,
THANK SO MUCH FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND EFFORT YOU GIVE IN EDITING AS FAST YOU COULD JUST SO WE ALL COULD HAVE THE RELEASES OUT THERE. AS HIKA SAID, WE SHOULD BE HONORING YOU GUYS SINCE YOU ARE THE ONES WHO FACE HARDSHIPS OF REMOVING THOSE CRAZY SFX AND OF REDRAWING AND CLONING TILL EVERYTHING IS PERFECT

LASTLY TO OUR DEAREST FANGIRLS/BOYS,
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WONDERFUL COMMENTS AND THE NOT SO WONDERFUL COMMENTS THAT YOU GIVE. WE'RE HAPPY THAT YOU APPRECIATE OUR WORKS, AND WE HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE HEARING MORE OF THOSE LOVELY COMMENTS

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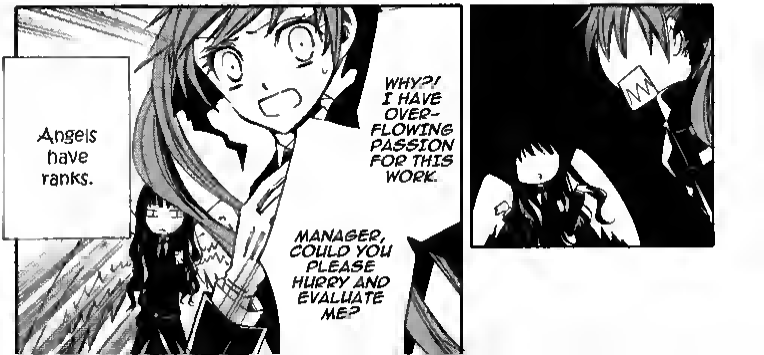
I cry...
...while Yukue doesn't
Heaven is an office, and angels are the employees.
I am a Messenger of Death...
...and my job is to meet dying people
I pick them up and escort their souls to heaven.
RUB

ISN'T IT BECAUSE OF THAT TENACITY...
...THAT YOU'RE STILL A RANK C?
TWITCH
I'LL DO MY BEST...
To pick them up is painful, but...

IT'S NOT THAT I HAVE NO MOTIVATION...
AND UNLIKE YOU, I'VE BEEN A RANK B FOR A LONG TIME
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
FURTHER-MORE, IT'S NOT GOOD OF YUKUE TO APPEAR LIKE YOU'RE NOT MOTIVATED TO WORK!


Angels have ranks.
WHY?! I HAVE OVER-FLOWING PASSION FOR THIS WORK.
MANAGER, COULD YOU PLEASE HURRY AND EVALUATE ME?

MANAGER... THE MANAGER IS...
GOD, RIGHT?
Although I've never seen him
The ranks, lowest to highest, are C, B, A and S.
As for me, I want to be promoted and advance to Rank B quickly.
GOD MUST HAVE BEEN WATCHING MY HARD WORK
OH, YEAH.
MY MEETING WITH UKA IS CANCELLED TODAY.
NO WAY...
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY IT SOONER?
I WAS SUDDENLY TOLD TOO.
...YUKIE AND I ARE GOING TO BE SEPARATED ...?
NO... IT'LL BE LONELY...

WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER IN SCHOOL, ANYWAY
AH!
OH, YEAH!
UKA ALWAYS SAYS THAT I'M INCONSIDERATE
...BUT UKA'S MORE INCONSIDERATE THAN I AM
WHY?
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
RANK A?!
IT'S PROBABLY A WATCHDOG ROLE BECAUSE YOU'RE A DROPOUT
WELL THEN,
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING UP UNTIL NOW
SEE YOU TOMORROW AT SCHOOL
THEY SAID THAT UKA'S NEW PARTNER IS A RANK A PERSON
RUSTLE
F

I don't need a watchdog!
Angels live normally alongside humans.
There's really no such place as 'Heaven.'
No matter how far you climb, a sky is a sky.
WHAT IS IT?
STEP
WHAT'S WITH THAT ROLE? SO SNOBBISH!

Our school is co-ed.
Lucky!♡
The boys' school building and the girls' school building are different,
so seeing people whom you like is really hard
Ahah!
It's Kawabata Tsumugi-kun.
Ya-y!♡
Something good might happen today!

"To C49766328"

"I'll be late, so go on ahead of me. A2113977"

The people who are dying right now...

Did they live happily?

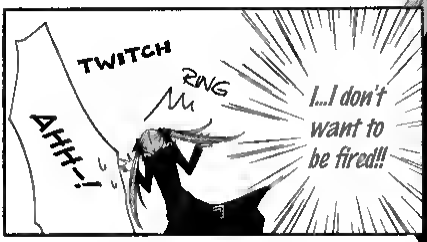
Did they have any regrets?

We can't prolong lives...
...or tell people when they will die.
But...
Nothing.
We, the Messengers of Death, can't do anything.
Maybe...
...they have regrets.
They don't know that they'll die today.
Is there anything we can do?
Even something small...
Something————...

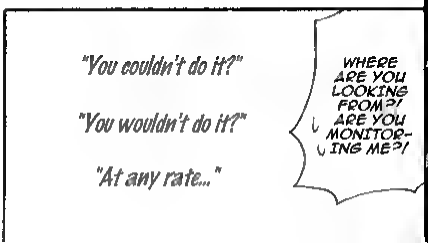
No... way... Kawabata-kun
...?!
BUMP

Once before...
there was an angel sent to pick up a person she liked. She didn't want him to die so she made him drink her tears...
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
Angels tears have the power to save lives,
but human lifespan is determined by fate...
To change it is to desecrate God.
That angel was fired by the corporation and was forced to quit as an angel

HUH...?
WHAT...?


TWITCH
RING
AHH-!
I...I don't want to be fired!!

"What do you mean, you can't do your mission?!"
Gyaaa
RANK A!!
"To C4976 6328"


"You couldn't do it?"
"You wouldn't do it?"
"At any rate..."
WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING FROM?! ARE YOU MONITORING ME?!

Right now...I'm...
...exactly in that angel's situation

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"If you do the same thing next time, prepare yourself for proper action."
"...do it again next week."
!
SHUT
I won't do...
...the same thing again.
SQUEEZE
It's okay.
...I can retrieve them.
No matter who they are...
I have pride in my work as a Messenger of Death.

Maybe, if I work hard enough next week, I'll be let off the hook.
FLOP FLOP
My action yesterday...will definitely have a negative effect.
SHINOHARA UKA-SAN!
SHINOHARA-SA-N!
NO! JOIN THE SWIMMING TEAM!
YOUR REFLEXES!
PLEASE JOIN OUR BASKETBALL CLUB!
TRACK CLUB!
I HAVE THINGS TO DO AFTER SCHOOL!
RUN RUN RUN
WHY?!
RUN
I... I...
...CAN'T BE IN ANY CLUB!
PLEASE! JUST BE IN THE TOURNA-MENTS!!
RUN RUN RUN RUN
YOU SAY THAT EVERY DAY

I CAN'T BE IRRES-PONSIBLE!
JUMP
HEY, THAT'S THE BOYS' BUILDING ...!
GEEZ-
EVERY DAY
HEY!
!!
THE GIRL RIGHT THERE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WAHP!
PULL
Kawabata-kun!
THIS WAY
HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS BUILDING?
UM...
YEAH...
THAT TEACHER IS REALLY ANNOYING.
THANK YOU!
HUH?
OPEN
OKAY. YOU CAN ESCAPE THROUGH THIS WINDOW.
HURRY...
Oh, yeah!
I'M—
—SHINOHARA UKA.
I LIKE TSUMUGI-KUN!
I still have one week.
Before he dies, maybe I can do something for him.
I can't change that.
This person will die...
...in a week.

Can't I be friends with him?
I want to hear his wishes and grant them...!
DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT?
WHAT?!
RING
OH. THAT'S THE FIRST BELL.
I HAVE TO GO
RING
RING
...Really?
SHINO-HARA-SAN
UNTIL NEXT TIME,
WAVES

Oka-y.

I'll do my best!

DO YOU WANT TO GO SOME-WHERE?
YEAH
TSUMUGI-KUN!
For example...
TSUMUGI-KUN
I'll give him something he likes.
ME?
WHAT DO YOU LIKE? IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT?
I LIKE THE OLD CASTLES IN EUROPE
O...OH... CASTLES
I've liked them ever since I saw them on a trip when I was a kid
I can't buy that!!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
It's not going well
WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

I LIKE ANGELS!
EVEN IF IT'S JUST THE WINGS
I LIKE ANGELS OR THINGS THAT HAVE ANGELS ON THEM
I LIKE THEM A LOT
SHINO-HARA-SAN
Huh?
WHAT?
I FOUND WINGS
blush
It's because I'm an angel myself...

IT LOOKS LIKE A BUTTERFLY, TOO
YEAH!
IT'S PRETTY AND CUTE!
KYAA
KYAA
KYAA
WAA
IT'S PRETTY!
TOMORROW, FOR SURE!
SQUEEZE
In the end, I made him go window shopping with me...
I was the only one who had fun...

UKA...
AH- YUKUE!
I HEARD YOU MESSED UP?
OH
WELL...
SQUEEZE
YOU WON'T QUIT, RIGHT?
BEING A MESSENGER OF DEATH
OF COURSE NOT!

I WAS JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED THE OTHER DAY...
BUT IT'S OKAY NOW!
BECAUSE I LIKE MY JOB AS A MESSENGER OF DEATH.
...REALLY
REALLY
DON'T UNDERES-TIMATE ME!

Yeah.

It's okay.

OH, YEAH
!!!
HERE
WHA... WHAT IS IT?
MAY I OPEN IT?
CLINK
T...THIS...
...IS THE FIRST TIME A BOY HAS EVER GIVEN ME A PRESENT.
.....

IT'S MY FIRST TIME GIVING A PRESENT, TOO
THIS IS SORT OF EMBARRASSING...
IT IS, BUT...
...I'M REALLY HAPPY!
BUT...!
IT'S NOT ENOUGH THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S HAPPY!
IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR TSUGUMI-KUN?!

SHINOHARA-SAN ALWAYS TRIES TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME
WHY?

IT'S OKAY

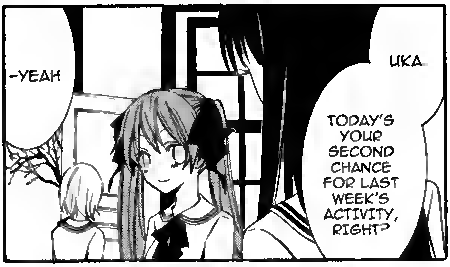
It's okay.

IT'S BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!

Especially if I like them.

I want to retrieve them properly.

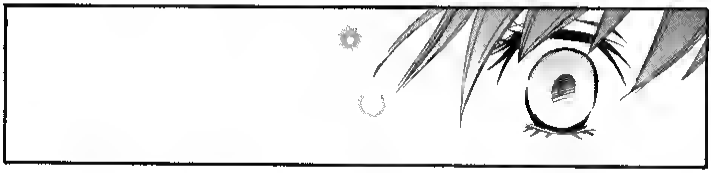
Today, I'm...



...going to retrieve Tsumugi-kun-...

THEN THAT TEACHER SAYS THE SAME THINGS TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS?
IT SEEMS SO
AHAHA
THAT'S FUNNY! OH!
OH, YEAH
RUMMAGES
HERE!
THIS IS A RETURN GIFT FOR THE NECKLACE
OH A CASTLE
YEAH I THOUGHT IT WAS CUTE
I LIKE
THIS ONE
THANKS

I won't see him any more...



...after tomorrow.

SHINOHARA-SAN ?
I scorned the angel who abandoned her job
...to save the person she liked
But
I always cry...
...whenever I retrieve someone.

It's this painful.

But ———

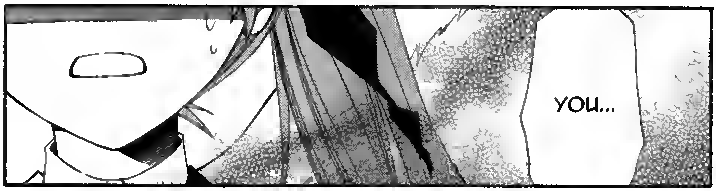
FLAP
Being alone...
...might be better.
-IS IT LUCKY THAT I'M ABLE TO RETRIEVE HIM BY MYSELF
-OR IS IT THE OPPOSITE?

Has this past week...
Even a little?
Did I add to your happiness?
...not been a waste?

LIFT
What...?!
What?
I HEARD ABOUT IT, BUT IT'S TERRIBLE.
Those clothes ...
What?
YOU GET CLOSE TO THE PERSON WHO IS SCHEDULED TO DIE, THEN YOU POINTLESSLY EMPATHIZE WITH HIM
YOU CAN'T DO YOUR MISSION JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE AN ACQUAINTANCE OF THE PERSON.

HEY, WHAT IS THIS..?
H...
WELL, I ACKNOWLEDGE YOU FOR ACTUALLY COMING HERE...
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S EXPECTED
TSUMUGI-KUN, YOU CAN'T BE...!
FL
AP
THEY FORCED ME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU
I'M A MESSENGER OF DEATH RANK A, KAWABATA TSUMUGI
What...did...you...say...?

...Rank A!!
I REGRET IT, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING...
You are...
YOU PASSED THE TEST FOR WHETHER YOU GET FIRED OR NOT, SO


YOU...

YOU TRICKED ME?! YOU'RE THE WORST!!
YOU ACTED SUSPICIOUSLY SO YOU WERE DOUBTED BY THE CORPORATION AND IT S JUST A TRICK TEST
IT S YOUR FAULT!
DON T DRAG ME DOWN IN ANY WAY

THIS IS AWFUL
WE'RE GOING TO REPORT!
TSU-MUGI-KUN WAS
THAT RANK A WHO SEEMED LIKE A COMPLETE JERK
THAT'S SO AWFUL
KA-
CHING!
YOU EVEN CRIED
EVEN THOUGH YOU LIKE THAT "COMPLETE JERK?"
IT'LL JUST BE PAINFUL
GET CLOSE TO THEM AND BECOME FRIENDS WITH THEM
IF YOU PROPOSE TO A DYING PERSON
ANYWAY
THAT WAS BECAUSE I WAS TRICKED.

THAT'S A WASTE.
THE PROPOSAL WAS JUST A HEAT-OF-THE-MOMENT THING.
ALL THE THINGS I DID...
I WANT PEOPLE TO HAVE EVEN MORE HAPPINESS WHEN THEY DIE.

YOU HEAR PEOPLE SAY THINGS LIKE, "I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE KIND," AFTER A PERSON DIES.
EVEN IF I'M NOT AN ACQUAINTANCE OF THE PERSON WHO IS SCHEDULED TO DIE...
...I KNOW THAT HE IS GOING TO DIE, SO
I'D BE HAPPY IF I COULD DO SOMETHING FOR THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM SINCE THEY AREN'T AWARE OF HIS IMPENDING DEATH.
SO I DON'T THINK IT'S A WASTE.
I DON'T MIND IF IT'S PAINFUL

EVEN THOUGH IT'S AGGRAVATING
BUT,
I'M HAPPY THAT TSUMUGI-KUN DIDN'T DIE
GRAB

PAT
PAT
SORRY.
BUT...
...I DON'T WANT YOU TO SAY SOMETHING NOT SUITABLE FOR A MESSENGER OF DEATH.
YOU'RE VERY ANXIOUS ABOUT THE FUTURE.

HEY...
I'M STILL CRYING!
OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY
NEXT IS THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
YOUR SPIRIT IS PRETTY STRONG.
DRUNK?!
I DON'T CARE FOR THAT, "IT HURTS BUT I'M PUSHING MYSELF," DRUNKEN KIND OF FEELING.
BUT.
WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU TO IGNORE A CRYING GIRL?!

I HATE TSUMUGI!
HEY!
WHERE DID THE HONORIFICS GO?
THE KIND TSUMUGI-KUN DIED
YOU'RE THE IRRITATING TSUMUGI
THAT'S STUPID
YOU WERE CUTE UNTIL THE OTHER DAY,
BUT IN REALITY, YOU'RE STUPID, FULL OF YOURSELF, AND ANNOYING.
YOU'RE AWFUL, TOO.
YOU WANT A FIGHT? YOU'VE GOT IT!!
PUPPET
I WANT TO WORK HARD AT THIS JOB
EVEN IF I'M DRUNK

Birth.

Death.

The light of life that twinkles every day.

The sound of an angel's wings every day.

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